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STENOGRAPHIC RECORD OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AT THE 70TH SESSION OF THE IMPERIAL DIET, 22 JANUARY 1937.

Answer of the Minister of State.
Minister of State, Mr. Koki Hirota.

Further, as regards the present Government's administration, you seem to be under the impression that various official duties are discharged despotically according to Fascist theories, but it is a great mistake. The present Government is taking the course of deciding all state affairs in the light of public opinion. Not only in the field of political administration but in finance, industry and other fields is there the slightest intention of applying Fascist methods. ----- You had better not take the Japanese-German pact as having some connection with the guiding principles of Japan's internal administration. Assuredly, there is no such relationship.

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certified at Tokyo,
on this 18th day of March, 1947

KONDO, Hideaki (seal)

I hereby certify that the above signature and seal were affixed hereto in the presence of the Witness.

at the same place,
on this same date

Witness:

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昭和十二年一月二十三日 國務大臣答辯

國務大臣（廣田廣義君）

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MINUTES OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COMMITTEE OF THE HOUSE OF PEERS ON THE
BUDGET AT THE 65TH SESSION OF THE IMPERIAL DIET, 23 FEBRUARY 1934.

Answer of the Minister of State.
Minister of State (Mr. Koki Hirota).

As for the Japanese diplomatic measures towards America, although there are some emotional problems arising out of the Manchurian Incident, the most important question is that of disarmament and the settling of this question is the chief problem of Japanese diplomacy. Japan has no intention of taking up arms against America, and, if America could fully appreciate this fact, there would be no need to speculate on remote eventuality. This is my basic idea as to the future relation to America. I firmly believe that there will be no war between the two countries and think that this idea should be fostered through diplomatic channels not only in Japan but in America as well and make the relations between the two countries better. If this is done, perhaps in the future when such a question as disarmament is discussed, violent ill feeling will not be aroused, for there will be the underlying conviction that war between the two countries is an impossibility and the problem will not assume serious proportions.

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